

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 755

By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Sam Stratton Bone, Sr.
of Lebanon.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Sam Stratton Bone, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Sam Bone was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to his profession, his community and his family; and

WHEREAS, born in Cherokee County, Texas on February 21, 1904, Sam was the son of the late Dr. James Robert and Mildred Stratton Bone; and

WHEREAS, in 1923, Sam Bone began working for the City of Lebanon as a meter reader; he quickly earned promotion to become Superintendent of the Light and Water Department only three years later; and

WHEREAS, he began his meritorious career with Cumberland University in 1929, when he was elected as a Trustee and Board Secretary; he served the university with acumen and dedication for 69 years, 50 of which he served as Board Secretary; and

WHEREAS, in 1934, Mr. Bone was asked to fill in as Business Manager at the University on a part-time basis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bone left the city to work for Cumberland University on a full-time basis in 1941; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sam Bone proudly defended his nation during World War II by serving in the Tennessee State Guard; and

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WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure at Cumberland University, Sam Bone was responsible for bringing the 2nd Army Maneuvers Headquarters onto the campus during World War II; and

WHEREAS, he also led in the effort to reclaim Cumberland University when a proposal surfaced to move the institution to the Ward-Belmont campus; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, Mr. Bone was among the inaugural group of recipients of the Award of the Phoenix and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Literary Letters in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bone was an active and vital leader in his community; he participated in numerous civic activities, including the Boy Scouts, the Red Cross, the PTA, and several other charitable and community involvement organizations; and

WHEREAS, from 1956-1968, Sam Bone served with acumen and dedication on the Wilson County Board of Education; he astutely served as chairman for 10 years and was vice president of the Tennessee School Board Association; and

WHEREAS, a sixty-year member of the Rotary Club, Sam Bone maintained one of the longest records of perfect attendance in the club's history; and

WHEREAS, Sam Bone was an active and devout member of the First Presbyterian Church of Lebanon, which he faithfully served as an Elder and President of the Men's Bible Class for several years; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Sam Bone leaves behind will be remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Sam Bone enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of 67 years, Margaret Frances Talley Bone; he was the proud parent of Dr. Robert Carver Bone (Connie), State Representative Sam Stratton Bone, Jr.(Marty) and Harold Gordon Bone (Pat); and the cherished grandfather of James Douglas Bone, Robert Carver Bone II, Margaret Suanne Bone, Bonnie Lesley Bone and Harold Gordon Bone, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Sam Stratton Bone, Sr., remembering with admiration his exemplary character and his many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. Sam Bone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.